



Northview News

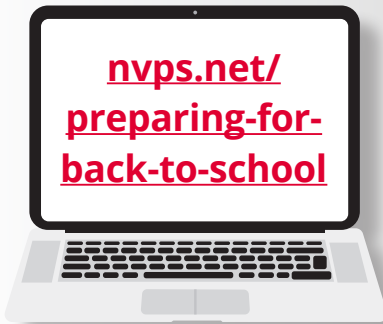
INSPIRING ALL STUDENTS TO ACHIEVE THEIR INDIVIDUAL BEST

LOOK INSIDE FOR 2025-26 BACK-TO-SCHOOL INFORMATION

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Where to Find BACK-TO-SCHOOL INFORMATION

The new school year is almost upon us, and planning has been underway throughout the summer. Even so, some timely information is better communicated via our website and other communication channels. We will host a special back-to-school web page at nvps.net/preparing-for-back-to-school. Please check back often for last-minute updates and important information. We also encourage you to follow us on our social media channels, where we provide weekly updates and other pertinent details throughout the year.



NORTHVIEW MENTOR PROGRAM CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF SUPPORTING STUDENTS

The 2025-26 school year will mark the **20th anniversary** of the Northview Mentor Program, which has been matching community members with students in our schools for two decades. Please join us in celebrating this milestone. The best way you can help is by signing up to mentor a student this fall. Just **15 minutes** a week is the time commitment to make a difference in the life of a student. Last year, we had over 200 matches. This year we want more, and would love for every student who needs a mentor to have one!

If you are a current mentor or would like to volunteer for the first time, your attendance is required at **one** of the training/orientation sessions in September. All sessions will be held at Crossroads Middle School. Current mentors should plan on an hour, while new mentors will need to plan for 90 minutes. For more information, contact Janine Conway at jconway@nvps.net.

- Tuesday, September 9 at 12:00 pm
- Wednesday, September 10 at 7:00 pm
- Thursday, September 11 at 8:00 am



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Northview Next	361-7396
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Dear families, community members, staff and students,

As we gear up for the 2025-26 school year, I want to express my deepest gratitude for your unwavering support, especially for the successful passage of the May 2025 bond. Your commitment to our schools, reflected in the “supporting students, connecting community, and focusing on the future with fiscal responsibility” bond theme, is truly inspiring. Because of your generosity, we’ve been able to move forward with critical projects that will significantly enhance our learning environments. It’s an exciting time to be a part of the Northview Public Schools family, and we’re eagerly anticipating the return of our students.

Thanks to the bond, we already have several key projects underway. Our sinking fund projects are progressing

well, including the installation of **air conditioning in the science and social studies classrooms at Northview High School** and a much-needed **renovation and abatement removal at the Administration Building**. In addition, the bond is funding major upgrades at the **Performing Arts Center and in the fine arts classrooms**, a revitalized high school **Media Center**, and an improved high school **locker room**. These projects are designed to directly benefit our students by providing modern, safe and comfortable spaces that foster learning and creativity.

We are incredibly excited to welcome our students back to campus for their first day of school on **Monday, August 25**. As we prepare for another successful academic year, I encourage you to

remain connected with us by reading the **Northview News** and learning more about the great work happening across all our departments. Your continued engagement is vital to our success, and we are so fortunate to have such a supportive community. Thank you, Northview, for everything you do for our students and schools!

Warmest regards,

Dr. Christina Hinds
Superintendent
Northview
Public Schools



THANKS TO MIKE PASKEWICZ & STEVE CRANDALL FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT

On behalf of the district, the Northview Board of Education would like to recognize both Mike Paskewicz and Steve Crandall for their continued support of Northview Public Schools. The board is grateful for their leadership and long-term commitment to the Northview community. We are thankful they attended our board meeting in late spring to share the reason for, and legacy of, policy governance as the framework for the district.

BOARD DIRECTORY

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WHERE CAN I FIND THE BOARD MINUTES?

Current minutes from the Northview Board of Education meetings can be found on the district’s website at nvps.net/board-of-education.

**ATTENTION DRIVERS:
BE AWARE OF SCHOOL BUS SAFETY LIGHTS**

**SCHOOL BUSES WITH OVERHEAD RED OR YELLOW LIGHTS
(with or without bus stop signs)**

- Yellow lights flashing:** Be prepared to stop.
- Red lights are flashing:** Stop no closer than 20 feet from the bus.
- Red lights turned off:** Proceed.

**SCHOOL BUSES WITH OVERHEAD RED LIGHTS
(with or without bus stop signs)**

- Red lights are flashing and bus is stopped:** Stop no closer than 20 feet from the bus.
- Red lights turned off:** Proceed.

**ALL SCHOOL BUSES
WITH YELLOW LIGHTS**

- Yellow hazard warning lights are flashing:**
Proceed with caution.



Check out the latest and greatest stories about our local public schools, including **NORTHVIEW**. Visit www.schoolnewsnetwork.org.

BLACK OUT PEDIATRIC CANCER *16th Annual Event!*

You have the chance to be part of an event that will impact many lives, particularly children who are on a journey to overcome pediatric cancer. This event not only raises money for families battling this disease, but it also brings us together as a community to do our part in helping others.

On **Friday, September 26**, the Wildcat Stadium stands will be filled with supporters wearing special Black Out t-shirts at the varsity football game. The t-shirts will be for sale at the Administration Building (temporarily located at 3322 East Beltline Court, Grand Rapids, 49525), Northview High School and home football games while supplies last.



There are children's sizes on up. **Get your shirts early! In previous years, the t-shirts SOLD OUT the week before the event!** Thank you to our friends from CE Drywall, Roersma & Wurn Builders Inc. and Straight Line Fence who made very generous donations to help with the cost of the t-shirts. We thank them for their passion in sharing this cause with Northview! Don't miss this event or a chance to make a difference in a child's life!

SPONSOR A BLACK OUT 2025 FOOTBALL TEAM JERSEY!

Once again, the NHS Varsity Football Team will wear new Black Out jerseys sponsored by the community. When you sponsor a jersey, you can honor a loved one by having their name printed on the back of a varsity football player's jersey, which they will wear during the Black Out game. Following the game, you will be given the jersey. To sponsor one, please make a donation to PORT (Pediatric Oncology Resource Team). Forms are available in the main office at Northview High School, the Athletics Department or Administration Building. You can also get one via email by sending your request to northviewblackout@gmail.com.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DEPUTY ALLEN ON HIS RETIREMENT!

Deputy Allen, our School Resource Officer (SRO) for several years, retired at the end of last school year. We are extremely grateful for the years of service, safety and security he provided to our students, staff and community. We wish him well in his next steps!

NORTHVIEW WELCOMES DEPUTY NELSON AS NEW SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Deputy Dejujuan Nelson will serve as Northview Public Schools' next School Resource Officer (SRO). Deputy Nelson comes to us with a wealth of experience and a strong passion for community engagement and student safety. He's a highly accomplished patrol deputy with the Kent County Sheriff's Office, where he has been serving since May 2023. In addition, he was assigned as a park deputy for the Kent County Parks Department, and also served as the temporary SRO for Byron Center Public Schools from October to November 2024. During that time, he worked closely with students, staff and administrators to cultivate a safe and welcoming school atmosphere.

Before joining the Kent County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Nelson spent seven years with the Ferris State University Department of Public Safety, first as a police officer from 2016 to 2021, and then as a police sergeant from October 2021 to May 2023. In these roles, he was responsible for maintaining public safety, conducting investigations and leading teams of officers.

This continued partnership with the Kent County Sheriff's Office maintains our ongoing commitment to ensuring a safe, supportive and positive learning environment for all students and staff. We're excited for Deputy Nelson to join our school community in August. Please extend him a warm Wildcat Welcome when you see him on campus!

LOOKING FOR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN NORTHVIEW?

Northview is one of the finest school districts in the nation. It's small enough for staff to know each child and large enough to provide the best that K-12 education has to offer. If you're interested in applying for employment in Northview, we encourage you to check our job openings at nvps.net/employment. Our online system offers a streamlined application process for individuals seeking employment, reducing paperwork and time, while also providing access to a wider range of job opportunities. Our positions offer these great benefits:

- Our awesome team who is passionate about growth and innovation.
- Complimentary membership to the Northview Fitness & Aquatic Center.
- Complimentary passes to all home athletic events.



NEXT NORTHVIEW NEWS DEADLINE:

Wednesday, **October 8, 2025**, for the Fall 2025 issue (in homes near Saturday, November 8). Send items to the Communications Team at northviewnews@nvps.net.



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Northview Senior Citizens

Join us! In addition to mini-bus outings, lectures, luncheons, classes and day trips, we offer many weekly programs. Listed below are just a few. Membership is \$18 per year, and everyone is welcome! Visit www.northviewseniors.org to find our latest newsletter, and contact us at 616-365-6150 or northviewseniors@nvps.net with questions. You can also just drop in and check it out. The Plainfield Senior Center is located at 5255 Grand River Dr. NE (where the East Beltline and Plainfield merge to become Northland Drive).

Apprentice for Life Lecture Series presents...My Life in the FBI

Wednesday, September 17 at 2:30 pm
(90-minute program)

Northview High School, Max J. Colley Jr. Performing Arts Center

Tiffany Eagles will share her path to becoming an FBI special agent and discuss how the experience shaped her life. Tiffany spent 20 years as a special agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), investigating a variety of federal violations. Additionally, she was an instructor in the FBI's Behavioral Science Unit, where she created and delivered a course on violence and behavior to senior law enforcement officials. She became a certified behavioral analyst in the FBI's Behavioral Analysis Unit and assisted law enforcement agencies with complex crimes against adults. Currently, she is a lead contractor with Secure Environment Consultants and delivers training on personality and behavior as it relates to indicators of violence. She also provides guidance on creating and successfully implementing behavioral threat assessment programs for schools and the private sector. **Lecture is free and open to non-members, but reservations are required.**

Generously underwritten by weTravel:

They specialize in escorted group travel, operating under the belief that travel experiences are richer when shared. Christine Friedt and Debi Andreano personally escort each trip, handling all planning details. They also advocate for all travelers during the tour and provide post-tour assistance as needed. Their

goal is to make your trip the best possible trip it can be!

Apprentice for Life Lecture Series presents...From Child Bride to Prominence on Mackinac Island: One Woman's Journey in a Man's World

Monday, October 13 at 2:30 pm
(90-minute program)

Northview High School, Max J. Colley Jr. Performing Arts Center

Madeline La Framboise would have made her mark in any age, but to have done so in the early 1800s was a truly remarkable achievement. She was not "just a woman," but also a Meti or Indian-French woman. After her husband's murder in 1806, she took over his fur trading business and held her own against John Jacob Astor. Although fluent in four languages, she was unable to read and write her own name. Come hear how this woman left a powerful legacy and influenced the history of Mackinac Island. **Lecture is free and open to non-members, but reservations are required.**

About the speaker: Kim Murphy is a writer, speaker, teacher and event coordinator who has partnered with our center on many occasions. She also served as a life enrichment coordinator for many years and is currently sharing her love for lifelong learning with others.

Generously underwritten by Vitality at Home: Bringing expert physical and occupational therapy to your doorstep. They help adults 55+ stay strong, independent and active. Whether it's

gardening, traveling or keeping up with grandkids, their licensed therapists offer one-on-one care at home, focusing on balance, strength, mobility and pain relief—all tailored to your goals.

Creative Creations: Homemade Greeting Cards (Create and Take Event)

Monday, August 18 at 1:00 pm
Northview Senior Center

Postage has increased, but hand-delivering a greeting card that YOU made can mean so much to a grandchild, a family member or dear friend. Each person will create three cards—a fun Halloween card, a thank you card and a holiday card. Participants will be guided through card techniques such as faux twisted ribbon, layering, 3-D and fun fold. All materials, including written instructions, will be provided. **Cost is \$15 per person. Membership and reservations are required.**

About the instructor: Glenda Allen is one of our talented weekly ambassadors at the center. She will be sharing her expertise in crafting beautiful greeting cards during this fun and engaging class.

Join us for any of our weekly offerings!

Cardio Drumming, Stretch & Balance, Mah Jongg, Zumba Gold, Crafts, Bridge and Cards, Wood Carving, Line Dancing, Tai Chi.

A membership is required.

BLOOD DRIVE: GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

Mark your calendar! This school year's Northview High School blood drive dates are tentatively scheduled for:

**October 27, 2025 • January 22, 2026
April 21, 2026**

All of the blood drives will take place at the high school in the auxiliary gym from 8:00 am to 1:15 pm. Registration information will be posted in advance on the district's social media channels.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: FALL CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW

**Saturday, November 15
9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

The Northview Band Boosters will host their Fall Craft and Vendor Show on **Saturday, November 15**, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. They will have over 80 crafters and vendors, along with the Patty Matters Food Truck and the Coffee Crew! Follow them on Facebook for details about who will be at the event. Just search, "NV Band Boosters." For information, contact rjohnson@nvps.net.



Child Care for Students in Grades DK–6th



In partnership with Northview Public Schools, the Wolverine Worldwide YMCA offers before and after school care at East Oakview and North Oakview for students in grades DK–4th, and at Highlands/West Oakview for students in grades DK–6th. Child care for “no school” days is also available at each location. Interested families can register for child care at www.grymca.org/school-aged-child-care. Morning hours are 6:30–8:15 am on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays (Wednesdays 6:30–9:15 am) and afternoon hours are 3:15–6:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

VOLUNTEER CONSENT FORM

In a continuing effort to keep our schools safe, Northview Public Schools requires that parents and community members submit to a criminal background check prior to participating in any volunteer activities involving our students. If you do not complete this form, volunteer activities will be limited to group situations as approved by the principal or superintendent. You'll find the form here: nvps.net/volunteer-in-our-schools. Thank you for your understanding and for all that you give to our schools, community and children!

Car Pick-Up Line Etiquette Reminders

With the new school year upon us, we're reminding our families of a few basic practices that will keep our community and our children safe. Thanks for practicing safety first!

Be a good neighbor and don't block driveways. Many of our drop-offs are located in neighborhoods. If a neighbor is trying to pull into their driveway, allow them to pass through the line. They're not trying to cut in line.

Don't get out of your vehicle. Not to “quickly grab” your child, wave “come on” to your child over the playground fence, or just to “say hi” to your friend in line behind you. Stay in your car. And, when the car in front of you moves, please pull forward.

Don't cut in line. There is a line and a process. Please wait patiently in the line and know that we all share the same goal of picking up our children safely.

Please put away your phone and pay attention. Waiting for your child in your empty (and wonderfully quiet) car seems like the perfect opportunity to catch up on work—but it's also a distraction. People on

their phones don't notice when the car in front of them has moved and they need to pull up. More importantly, it's dangerous. People on their phones don't see children darting out between cars.

Don't double park. Even if you see your child waiting. Wave at them to meet you at the end of the line when you circle back around the block. Plus, it's illegal.

Keep the line moving. You don't need to get everything organized or have a conversation about your child's day. Just have them buckle up and then pull away from the line when it's safe to do so, allowing other parents to pull up and get their children.

Be a good steward of the earth. Consider turning off your vehicle while you wait.

Be patient. We think it's a pretty safe bet to say that no parent likes the car pick-up line, but honking at other parents or kids or displaying any other form of road rage behavior is not necessary and will probably not make them move any faster.

In short, a little politeness goes a long way in the car pick-up line. Remember, being

IMPORTANT TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT UPDATES

ENROLLMENT AND STUDENT INFORMATION



All students' records (both new and returning students) must be confirmed in ParentVUE. Please take the time to review and update your students' records digitally to ensure accuracy and availability. Just access ParentVUE and follow the instructions provided. Reach out to techsupport@nvps.net for assistance. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and active participation in maintaining accurate records and ensuring a smooth transition into the new school year.

TECHNOLOGY DEVICES

Each Northview student will receive a school-owned device available for their educational use. These devices are assigned to students in grades 3rd–12th, and the devices will remain assigned to students throughout their time at Northview. The devices for grades 3rd–8th are collected each summer and redistributed in the fall. If you have any questions related to technology, please feel free to reach out to our tech support team for assistance at techsupport@nvps.net.

DEVICE PROTECTION PLAN

You may choose to purchase a Chromebook protection plan that covers

the school-issued device for \$25 per year. This must be purchased/renewed on an annual basis and is available for students in grades 3rd–12th. It is highly recommended for students in grades 5th–12th, as that is where our team sees the majority of accidental damage claims. For more information about what is covered and not covered, please visit nvps.revtrak.net/purchases-fees/chromebook-coverage-plan2.

NVPS GUEST NETWORK

The Information Technology Department offers a guest Wi-Fi network. This network is configured to align with best practices for wireless access and will provide the district additional insight about our technology usage. This will impact anyone who currently connects to our guest Wi-Fi, including cell phones and/or students' personal devices.

WILL I NEED A LOGIN?

- Staff and students may log in with their current NVPS username and password. This will allow additional resources to those users (e.g., YouTube) and the network will automatically remember the device for several months.
- Visitors/guests will need to enter their name and email address to access the network. This will primarily affect parents and infrequent guests.

behind the wheel of a car doesn't make you invisible. We see you. We all see you. Including our children. So, let's try to set a good example. Now put the phone away... the car in front of you just moved up.

HELP KEEP OUR COMMUNITY CLEAN

Did you know that each spring and fall the Northview Board of Education gathers with volunteers from our school community to clean up a section of Plainfield Avenue (between 5 Mile and I-96)? Last year, the board was joined by staff, students and family members. The board is always looking for more helpers! If you or your organization would like to join the fall clean-up, please email krittenhouse@nvps.net. It only takes a few hours. Date to be determined in September/October.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY



IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDERS FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS/GUARDIANS

SAFETY FIRST

Getting Ready for School

- Have your child put everything they must carry in a backpack or bag so that they won't drop things along the way.
- Encourage them to wear bright, contrasting colors so they will be more easily seen by drivers.
- Make sure your child leaves home on time so they can arrive at the bus stop before it is due, ideally at least five minutes early. Running after or in front of a bus is dangerous.

Walking to the Bus Stop

- Walk young children to the bus stop or encourage them to walk in groups. There is safety in numbers; groups are easier for drivers to see.
- Practice good pedestrian behavior by walking on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk, stay out of the street. If you must walk in the street, walk single file, face traffic and stay as close to the edge of the road as you can.
- Stop and look left, right and then left again if you must cross the street. Do the same thing at driveways and alleys. Exaggerate your head turns and narrate your actions so your child knows you are looking left, right and left.

At the Bus Stop

- Have children wait in a location where the driver can see them while driving down the street. Try to avoid waiting in a house or car.

- Do not let children play in the street. Playing with balls or other toys that could roll into the street is also dangerous.

Getting On and Off the Bus

- Warn children that if they drop something while getting on and off the bus, they should never pick it up. Instead, they should tell the driver and follow the driver's instructions.
- Remind children to look to the right before they step off the bus.
- If you meet your child at the bus stop after school, wait on the side where the child will be dropped off, not across the street. Children can be so excited to see you after school that they dash across the street and forget the safety rules.

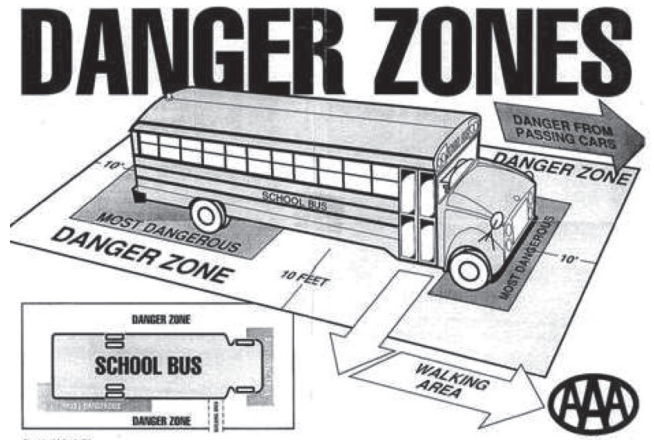
Mobile Devices

Cell phones and other electronic devices are permitted on the school bus as long as:

- They are in backpacks or other holders, keeping hands free to use handrails while boarding and departing the bus.
- Sound is muted or headphones, earbuds or similar devices are used.
- Content does not violate the law or school district policy and procedures.
- Use does not create a distraction for the driver.

STAY OUT OF THE DANGER ZONES

The primary function of the Transportation Department is the safe delivery of students to and from daily classes and other school-related activities. We request the assistance of parents and guardians in helping to ensure student safety. Please take time to discuss the importance of staying out of the danger zone with your student.



The size and shape of a bus create limitations on what the bus driver is able to view from the driver's seat. The diagram displays the danger zones around a bus. As the diagram shows, a ten-foot danger zone surrounds the entire bus. The most dangerous areas are directly in front of the bus and the area near the rear tires on the entry-door side of the bus. When seated in the driver's seat, the driver is unable to directly view these "most dangerous" areas and cannot see these areas in the bus mirrors. Students who cross the street after exiting the bus must remember there is danger from other vehicles as they are passing the bus. After students get off the bus, they should walk at least 10 steps out in front of the bus. After receiving permission to cross the street from the driver, students should proceed to cross the street, looking and listening for vehicles. Once they make sure no vehicles are approaching, they should walk across the street.

Students carry a variety of items with them to school. This includes backpacks, cell phones, books, folders, papers, instruments, sports equipment, and various other items. A student should never attempt to retrieve an item that has been dropped into the danger zone or under the bus. They should inform the bus driver of the situation and let the driver make arrangements to retrieve the item. We thank you for your assistance and will strive to do our best in providing a safe environment for all of our bus passengers.

Please note that the Transportation System Rules, Guidelines and Procedures may be accessed [online at nvps.net/transportation](http://online.nvps.net/transportation) or by calling the Transportation Department Office at 616-361-3480.

Don't Miss the Bus!



It's not too late for Northview resident families to register for bus transportation! EVERY student who requires transportation for the 2025-26 school year must be registered. Please visit nvps.net/transportation to sign your child up.



DOWNLOAD THE MOBILE APP

The Transportation Department uses a mobile app for bus stop information. It's called, *MyRide K-12*. Check the Transportation Department's page on the district website for instructions on how to download and use the app. **We will NOT give out bus stop information over the phone.** Thanks for your understanding!

CLASSES FOR ALL NORTHVIEW STUDENTS BEGIN MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025

EAST OAKVIEW, NORTH OAKVIEW & WEST OAKVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (GRADES DK/K-4TH)

East Oakview 3940 Suburban Shores NE 616-361-3460
 North Oakview 4300 Costa NE 616-361-3450
 West Oakview 3880 Stuyvesant NE 616-361-3470
 Office Hours: 7:30 am–4:00 pm

STUDENT REGISTRATION

Register at the Administration Building (temporarily located at 3322 East Beltline Court, Grand Rapids, 49525) or online at nvps.net/k-12-enrollment. You must provide the following documentation when enrolling a student: original birth certificate, proof of current immunizations (or a certified non-medical waiver from the Kent County Health Department), and proof of residency (i.e., utility bill or lease/purchase agreement). After registration, contact your assigned elementary building to schedule classes.

FAMILY OPEN HOUSES: EAST OAKVIEW, WEST OAKVIEW & NORTH OAKVIEW

The open house date for all elementary buildings is **August 19** (5:30–6:30 pm). Please be sure to check our back-to-school web page for updates and other timely information at nvps.net/preparing-for-back-to-school.

HIGHLANDS MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 5TH–6TH)

4645 Chandy NE / Phone: 616-361-3440
 Office Hours: 8:00 am–4:00 pm

STUDENTS NEW TO NORTHVIEW

Register at the Administration Building (temporarily located at 3322 East Beltline Court, Grand Rapids, 49525) or online at nvps.net/k-12-enrollment. You must provide the following documentation when enrolling a student: original birth certificate, proof of current immunizations (or a certified non-medical waiver from the Kent County Health Department), and proof of residency (i.e., utility bill or lease/purchase agreement). After registration, contact your assigned building to schedule classes.

TEAM NIGHT (OPEN HOUSE) INFORMATION

Team night is scheduled for **August 19** and gives parents/guardians an opportunity to meet our teachers and get an overview of Highlands.

5TH GRADE

- 5:00–5:30 pm, Visit teachers/homerooms
- 5:30–6:00 pm, Music meeting in gym

6TH GRADE

- 6:00–6:30 pm, Visit teachers/homerooms
- 6:30–7:00 pm, Music meeting in gym

Please be sure to check our back-to-school web page for updates and other timely information at nvps.net/preparing-for-back-to-school.

SCHOOL DAY STUDENT DROP-OFF is on the SIDE of the building, near the loading dock. The front drive is for buses only!

CROSSROADS MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 7TH–8TH)

4400 Ambrose NE
 Office Hours: 7:00 am–3:30 pm

STUDENTS NEW TO NORTHVIEW

Register at the Administration Building (temporarily located at 3322 East Beltline Court, Grand Rapids, 49525) or online at nvps.net/k-12-enrollment. You must provide the following documentation when enrolling a student: original birth certificate, proof of current immunizations (or a certified non-medical waiver from the Kent County Health Department), and proof of residency (i.e., utility bill or lease/purchase agreement). After registration, contact your assigned building to schedule classes.

INCOMING 7TH GRADERS

It is required that all 7th grade students have updated immunizations before beginning the school year. Please confirm with your healthcare provider that your student has the following: 1 meningitis, 2 varicella (or history of chicken pox) and DTaP within the last five years. If you choose not to vaccinate your child, you must present a certificate of waiver, signed by the Kent County Health Department. Waivers must be certified for the 2025–26 school year and indicate the school the student will be attending. Visit www.kentcountymi.gov/641/Immunizations to locate an immunization clinic.

Students who do not have current immunizations or a current certified waiver will not receive schedules on orientation day.

STUDENT SCHEDULE PICK-UP DAY

Students schedules can be picked up on **August 18** (5:30–6:30 pm).

What happens at schedule pick-up?

- Receive class schedules and locker assignments
- School picture/ID taken
- Find your locker and classrooms

Meet the Teacher Night will be held on **September 4** (5:30–7:00 pm). We hope to see you there!

STUDENT DROP-OFF and PICK-UP LOCATION: is on the east SIDE of the building, near the loading dock. **The front drive is for buses only!**

ATHLETICS

Participation requires a sports physical and a concussion form to be on file in the main office before try-outs (no exceptions; this is a state law). Sports physical forms and concussion forms are available in the Crossroads main office or online at nvps.net/forms.

For information, schedules and locations of Crossroads-specific athletic contests and events, visit crossroads.bigteams.com.

NOW HIRING: BUS DRIVERS

Northview is seeking people who love kids and would like a rewarding part-time job driving a school bus. We offer paid training once you pass a background check. Drivers start as substitutes with the potential for it to develop into a permanent part-time position. Join our team! Contact the Transportation Department at 616-361-3480.

CLASSES FOR ALL NORTHVIEW STUDENTS BEGIN MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025

NORTHVIEW HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9TH–12TH)

4451 Hunsberger NE / Phone: 616-363-4857

Office Hours: 7:00 am–3:30 pm

ORIENTATION

FRESHMAN and **NEW STUDENT** orientation will take place on **Monday, August 18**, from **10:00 am to 1:00 pm**. The high school will be open during this time for students to drop by and walk around, and to find their classes and lockers. Northview students and staff will be present to assist new students. Student schedules will be available on StudentVUE or can be printed, if necessary.

SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS

Student schedules have very little flexibility for changes. In order for students to adjust their schedule for any reason, they **MUST** complete the *Schedule Adjustment Form*. The link will be provided to students when schedules are available in StudentVUE, must be completed on or before Wednesday, August 27. Students should check their email for details when schedules become available.

Please note, there will be **NO** schedule changes to change lunch hours. Schedule changes will only be considered for the following reasons:

- You're in the wrong level for a class.
- You're missing a class/hour (i.e., you don't have 6 hours scheduled).
- You completed a course during summer school.
- You're a senior and missing a graduation requirement.
- You're a senior enrolled in work-based learning.
- You're participating in dual enrollment.
- You're taking an online course for credit recovery or MVU.

HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION FOR FRESHMEN STUDENTS & PARENTS

Get ready for an exciting journey into high school! We invite all freshman students and their parents to our essential orientation meeting.

- Join us **September 9** (6:00–7:00 pm) in the Max Colley Jr. Performing Arts Center.

This meeting is packed with valuable information to help you navigate your high school years successfully. We'll cover:

- Understanding the Michigan Merit Curriculum;
- Northview's graduation requirements;
- Discovering clubs and activities; and
- Other important tips for a rewarding high school experience!

Come learn how to make the most of your time at Northview. The post-high school opportunities meeting will be held immediately afterward in the same location.

POST-HIGH SCHOOL WORKSHOP

Seniors and parents/guardians, let's explore potential next steps for the future! Join us for an informative meeting designed to help you confidently navigate your postsecondary journey. We'll explore the wide range of options and opportunities available after high school.

- Join us **September 9** (7:00 pm) in the Max Colley Jr. Performing Arts Center.

At Northview, we define "college" broadly to include an array of paths, such as:

- Workforce certifications and specialized job training
- 2-year associate degrees
- 4-year bachelor's programs

We'll provide an overview of the exploration and application processes for each of these exciting avenues. Our goal is to help our seniors smoothly transition to their next step following graduation!

PARKING AT NHS

ONE-WAY DRIVEWAY OFF HUNSBERGER: FOR STUDENT DROP-OFF & VISITORS. Enter on the north end and exit on the south end. The parking lot in the middle is for teachers and visitors **ONLY**.

ONE-WAY DRIVEWAY OFF SERVICE ROAD: FOR BUSES ONLY

STUDENT PARKING: Located **BEHIND NHS** (*not in the Max Colley Jr. Performing Arts Center lot*)

NORTHVIEW NEXT CAREER CENTER AND LEARNING CENTER

Northview Next Career Center and Learning Center will be holding an open house and three enrollment days for families to ensure students are properly signed up prior to the start of the year. **ALL** students must come to one of the enrollment days to sign up.

Learning Center Enrollment Days:

- Tuesday, August 19 (11:00 am–3:00 pm)
- Wednesday, August 20 (3:00–7:00 pm)
- Thursday, August 21 (11:00 am–3:00 pm)

Northview Next Career Center

Open House:

- Tuesday, August 26 (3:15–5:30 pm)

NORTHVIEW MUSIC PRESENTS

A TRIBUTE TO VETERANS

November 9 2:00pm

Max Colley Jr. Performing Arts Center
4451 Hunsberger Ave NE

Northview High School Jazz Band & Wind Ensemble | Northview High School Varsity Voices

HEALTH topics

WHAT IF MY CHILD DOES NOT HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE?

Your children may qualify for low cost or free health insurance through MI Bridges. To learn more, go to www.michigan.gov/mibridges. Call 1-844-799-9876 for help, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

STUDENT IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Whenever children are brought into group settings, there is a chance for diseases to spread. According to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, students must follow state vaccine laws in order to attend school. These laws are the minimum standard to help prevent disease outbreaks in school settings. The best way to protect your child from serious diseases is to follow the recommended vaccination schedule at www.cdc.gov/vaccines-children. In order to be in compliance with state law, your child must be **completely vaccinated prior to the start of school on August 25, 2025**. Parents and guardians choosing to decline vaccines must obtain a certified non-medical waiver from the Kent County Health Department.

An invitation from Superintendent Hinds: EAT BREAKFAST & LUNCH AT SCHOOL

Do you want your child to be more alert, focused and ready to tackle the challenges of the day? Encourage them to eat breakfast! It's well-documented that kids who eat breakfast are healthier and more energetic throughout the day. School breakfast at Northview is the perfect option when students don't have time to eat at home, don't have access to breakfast at home or simply aren't hungry first thing in the morning. Likewise, lunch recharges students as they head into an afternoon of study. Healthy eating makes sense!

For the 2025-26 school year, the Michigan Department of Education is requesting that all families who think they may qualify for the Child Nutrition and Education Benefits Program, and wish to participate, complete the application. The quickest and easiest way to do this is online at northview.familyportal.cloud. If you don't have access to a computer, contact Jan Jager (jjager@nvps.net or 616-361-3473) or pick up an application in any of the school offices. Completing the application helps Northview in other ways, too. For example, the district may receive additional funds to enhance educational opportunities because many state and federal grants and aid are based on the number of students eligible for free and reduced price meals. The most current information will be shared on the district's special back-to-school web page at nvps.net/preparing-for-back-to-school.

FOOD SERVICE: GENERAL INFORMATION

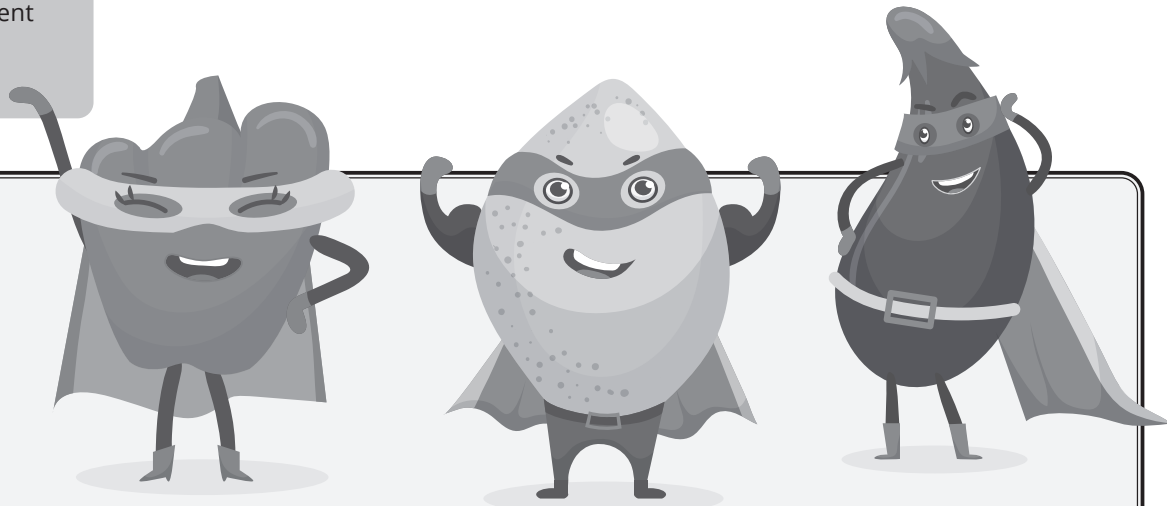
Breakfast is served at all Northview schools before school begins in the morning. Breakfast consists of a fruit, a grain, a meat or meat alternate and milk. Lunch consists of a fruit, a vegetable, a grain, a protein and milk. **Students must take a fruit or vegetable at breakfast and lunch in order for their meal to qualify for meal pricing.**

If your child is being charged for their meal, it may be because they are not taking all of the components. Please encourage your child to take advantage of getting at least one item from the fruit and vegetable bar. If there is not something offered that day that they want for their meal, have them take an item that can be put into their backpack and taken home for after school.

The Food Service web page can be located in the menu under District -> Departments -> Food Service. Our menu program has many user-friendly features. For example, you can click on an item and see the nutritional information and ingredients. Not sure what a Dutch waffle looks like? Click on the item to see a picture! A weekly menu will also be posted so you know what will be served each day. Every effort is made to post the weekly menus on Wednesday for the following week. Please note that we occasionally need to make adjustments to our menus.

Beverages are \$1.00. One beverage—milk or juice—is included with meals as noted above. However, if a child wants a second beverage or a beverage to go with a sack lunch from home, then the price is \$1.00.

Healthy eating makes sense



CHILD NUTRITION AND EDUCATION BENEFITS APPLICATION

Families who are planning to participate in the meals program this school year are asked to complete a Child Nutrition and Education Benefits application if they think they may qualify based on the Federal Income Eligibility Chart for School Year 2025-2026 (below). Fill out an application online at northview.familyportal.cloud. The site walks you through a set of questions and sends the information directly to Northview. What are the advantages? You will not have to send in the paper application and your application is processed much quicker. Be sure to list ALL household members on the same application with ALL household income. Benefits are based on household size/income ratio. If you're currently receiving SNAP benefits, you MUST include the case number. If you don't have access to a computer, pick up a paper application from any of our school buildings. As noted on the application, school officials may require applicants to verify information provided on this application.

IF YOU'VE RECEIVED A NOTICE OF DIRECT CERTIFICATION for free meals for the current school year, DO NOT complete the online application! However, do let the school know if any children in your household are not listed on the NOTICE OF DIRECT CERTIFICATION letter you received.

FEDERAL INCOME ELIGIBILITY CHART FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026			
Household Size	Annually	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$28,953	\$2,413	\$557
2	\$39,128	\$3,261	\$753
3	\$49,303	\$4,109	\$949
4	\$59,478	\$4,957	\$1,144
5	\$69,653	\$5,805	\$1,340
6	\$79,828	\$6,653	\$1,536
7	\$90,003	\$7,501	\$1,731
8	\$100,178	\$8,349	\$1,927
Each additional person:	\$10,175	\$848	\$196

WHAT IF MY STUDENT WAS ELIGIBLE IN PRIOR SCHOOL YEARS?

You will still need to complete a new application online for this year. We encourage all families who think they might qualify to fill out the application anytime after July 1 to qualify for the 2025-26 school year. Once qualified, you will remain qualified for the duration of the school year. If your income changes and goes up during the school year, you do not have to report the change until the start of 2026-27 school year.

IF YOU'RE NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE SCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM, KEEP A BALANCE...

Although it is the primary responsibility of the parent/guardian to provide their child a lunch (from home or purchased from the school), Northview Public Schools will feed every student who wants a meal. However, they will not be allowed to purchase an extra lunch or à la carte items, as this will create a negative balance on their account. Negative and/or low balance reminders will be sent to the email address on file until the balance has been paid. Parents and/or guardians are responsible for the negative balance accrued on their student's account. Any unpaid charges at the end of the school year remain the responsibility of the parent or guardian and may follow the student to the next school year.

Monitoring Your Child's Account

- Visit northview.familyportal.cloud to access to your child's account to view balances and charges made. Parents/guardians can be proactive and sign up to receive an email alert when funds dip below a selected dollar figure.
- Northview will email parents/guardians daily when an account is negative. Please keep your email address up-to-date in the school office and add jjager@nvps.net to your contacts to ensure you receive emails.

Making Payments to Your Child's Account

- Make a payment on your northview.familyportal.cloud account. There is a small fee to deposit through this website. Funds will show on the account within one day.
- Set up Northview Public Schools in your online banking's bill payment system. You can send checks on a regular basis. Please use: Northview Food Service, 4451 Hunsberger NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525. Include your student's account number in the memo section.
- Send checks (made out to Northview Food Service) to school with your student.
- Cash is always accepted; however, cash deposits cannot be guaranteed.

Student Access to Their Meal Account

All students are assigned a meal account when they enroll in Northview. This account stays the same for the duration of their school years. Students in 5th-12th grade may access their account by registering for the finger scan system. The building food service staff will assist your student in getting registered. The finger scan system is the easiest and most secure way for students to access their account. The system is a finger imaging program that measures unique points of each student's fingerprint and transfers it to a unique number. To register, the student holds their finger on the scanner while the points are measured and transferred to a unique number. That unique number is what identifies each student in the lunch room. Fingerprints are never captured, and copies cannot be made from the unique number.

For any questions about the food service program, contact Jan Jager at 361-3473 or at jjager@nvps.net.

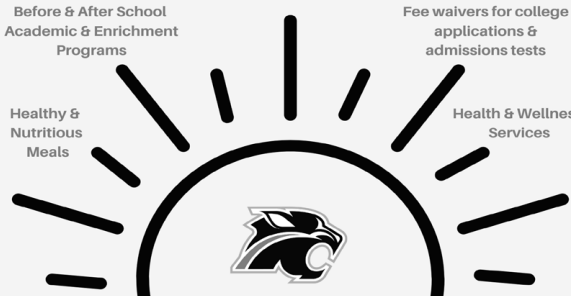
It's more than a meal application.

Filling out the Child Nutrition and Education Benefits Application may help provide:

Resources for Classrooms, Teachers & Students

Before & After School Academic & Enrichment Programs

Healthy & Nutritious Meals



Fee waivers for college applications & admissions tests

Health & Wellness Services



NORTHVIEW PUBLIC SCHOOLS: 2025-2026 NEED TO KNOW INFORMATION

Fall 2025 School Start/Dismissal Times

PLEASE NOTE THAT ON WEDNESDAYS, THERE IS A 1-HOUR DELAYED START.

Building	Start/End Times	Half-Day Dismissal
Elementary Schools (DK-4th): East Oakview, West Oakview & North Oakview	8:15 am - 3:30 pm	11:30 am
Highlands Middle School	8:10 am - 3:15 pm	11:15 am
Crossroads Middle School	7:20 am - 2:25 pm	10:25 am
Northview High School	7:25 am - 2:30 pm	10:30 am
Northview Next Career Center	7:30 am - 2:35 pm	10:35 am



SEVERE WEATHER & OTHER EMERGENCIES

School closing and delay decisions are made by administrative staff with the safety of your child in mind. In a situation where school remains open, parents may choose not to send their child to school. Adverse weather conditions and other emergency situations may make it necessary to cancel school, to delay the beginning of school or to send students home early or late.

Whenever this happens, notice will be communicated through:

- (1) our emergency notification system,
- (2) local television stations, and
- (3) the district website at nvps.net.

Whenever possible, event cancellations/reschedules will be posted on the website throughout the day as they occur. Please arrange for an alternative shelter-home where your child can go if you will not be home. Emphasize to them that they should stay off the streets once they reach home. Review your family's plan with your child on a regular basis.

TWO-HOUR DELAY PROCEDURE: In the case of a two-hour delay, your child's bus pick-up time and school start time will be exactly two hours after the originally scheduled bus pick-up/school start time.

TORNADO WATCH/WARNING PROCEDURES:

- (1) **TORNADO WATCH:** If a tornado "watch" is announced prior to, or during regular school hours, students will normally be dismissed at the regular dismissal time.
- (2) **TORNADO WARNING:** If an official tornado "warning" is announced, or if a tornado appears, children will be retained in school in predetermined shelter areas until the warning is lifted.
- (3) **AFTER HOURS SCHOOL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:** If a tornado "watch" or "warning" is announced during school hours, all after-school and evening activities will be **CANCELED** unless an "all clear" is announced prior to 4:00 pm.

NORTHVIEW'S VISION:

Inspire every student to achieve their individual best.



NORTHVIEW'S MISSION:

Northview Public Schools and its community develop literate, creative problem solvers who are respectful, productive members of society ready for continued learning.

NORTHVIEW'S BELIEFS:

1. Every student can learn—just in different ways and at different rates.
2. Every person is a valued member of the Northview school community.
3. We are all responsible for student success and learning.
4. Integrity, honesty and ethical behavior guide the treatment of students and adults in Northview.
5. People working together toward common goals can accomplish anything.
6. Embrace change and continuous improvement.
7. Focus on performance and results.
8. Our words and behaviors accelerate student academic performance and nurture their social development.

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2025-26 CALENDAR

AUGUST 25

1ST DAY FOR STUDENTS

AUGUST 29

NO SCHOOL (ALL GRADES)

SEPTEMBER 1 (Labor Day)

NO SCHOOL (ALL GRADES)

OCTOBER 24

NO SCHOOL (ALL GRADES)

NOVEMBER 3

NO SCHOOL (ALL GRADES)

NOVEMBER 26-28 (Thanksgiving Break)

NO SCHOOL (ALL GRADES)

DECEMBER 22-JANUARY 2 (Winter Break)

NO SCHOOL (ALL GRADES)

JANUARY 19 (MLK Day)

NO SCHOOL (ALL GRADES)

FEBRUARY 20 (Mid-Winter Break)

NO SCHOOL (ALL GRADES)

MARCH 9

NO SCHOOL (ALL GRADES)

APRIL 2-APRIL 10 (Spring Break)

NO SCHOOL (ALL GRADES)

MAY 1

NO SCHOOL (ALL GRADES)

MAY 25 (Memorial Day)

NO SCHOOL (ALL GRADES)

JUNE 4-5

HALF DAYS OF SCHOOL
(LAST DAY JUNE 5)

BUILDING/DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Administration Building 363-6861

› Superintendent's Office 365-6151

School Buildings

› Elementary: East Oakview (DK/K-4) 361-3460

› Elementary: North Oakview (DK/K-4) 361-3450

› Elementary: West Oakview (DK/K-4) 361-3470

› Middle School: Highlands (5-6) 361-3440

› Middle School: Crossroads (7-8) 361-3430

› High School: Northview (9-12) 363-4857

Athletics 365-6100

Attendance 365-6103

Counseling/Guidance 365-6102

Fitness Center 365-6140

Performing Arts Center 365-6114

Pool 361-3466

Principal 365-6101

› Northview Next Career Center 361-7396

› Northview Next Learning Center 361-7396

Services

› Community Education 361-3444

› Day Care Partnership with YMCA 363-3000

› Food Service 361-3473

› Maintenance/Custodial 361-3444

› Preschool/Early Childhood 361-3470

› Special Services 361-3446

› Transportation 361-3480

SAVE THE DATES!

Parent/teacher conferences will be held the weeks of October 20-23, 2025 and February 16-19, 2026.

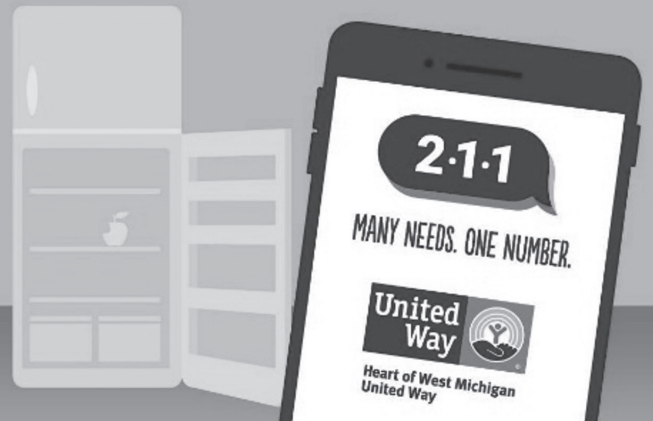
Attention:

PARENTS, FAMILIES AND VISITORS TO NORTHVIEW

When entering our school buildings to visit or volunteer, please be sure to first check in at the office.

Thank You

A LIFELINE.
FOR LIFE'S MANY CHALLENGES.



BULLYING POLICY

It is the policy of the district to provide a safe and nurturing educational environment for all of its students. This policy protects all students from bullying/aggressive behavior regardless of the subject matter or motivation for such impermissible behavior.

Bullying or other aggressive behavior toward a student, whether by other students, staff or third parties, including board members, parents, guests, contractors, vendors and volunteers, is strictly prohibited. This prohibition includes written, physical, verbal and psychological abuse, including hazing, gestures, comments, threats or actions to a student that cause or threaten to cause bodily harm, reasonable fear for personal safety or personal degradation. Bullying behavior is distinct from behavior in which a conflict may be present between two or more parties. Conflicts, differences of opinion, and other forms of disagreement occur in school settings. The district desires civil resolutions to such conflicts, but such conflicts are not automatically synonymous with bullying behavior.

Demonstration of appropriate behavior, treating others with civility and respect, and refusing to tolerate harassment or bullying is expected of administrators, faculty, staff and volunteers to provide positive examples for student behavior. This policy applies to all "at school" activities in the district, including activities on school property, in a school vehicle and those occurring off school property, if the student or employee is at any school-sponsored, school-approved or school-related activity or function, such as field trips or athletic events where students are under the school's control, or where an employee is engaged in school business. Misconduct occurring outside of school may also be disciplined if it interferes with the school environment.

Any student who believes s/he has been or is the victim of bullying, hazing or other aggressive behavior should immediately report the situation to the principal or assistant principal. The student may also report concerns to a teacher or counselor who will be responsible for notifying the appropriate administrator. Complaints against the building principal should be filed with the superintendent or human resources. Complaints against the superintendent should be filed with the Board president. Every student is encouraged, and every staff member is required, to report any situation that they believe to be aggressive behavior directed toward a student. Reports shall be made to those identified above. Reports may be made anonymously, but formal disciplinary action may not be taken solely on the basis of an anonymous report.

Retaliation or false allegations against any person who reports, is thought to have reported, files a complaint, participates in an investigation or inquiry concerning allegations of bullying or aggressive behavior (as a witness or otherwise), or is the target of the bullying or aggressive behavior being investigated, is prohibited and will not be tolerated. Such retaliation shall be considered a serious violation of Board policy, independent of whether a complaint of bullying is substantiated. Suspected retaliation should be reported in the same manner as bullying/aggressive behavior.

Making intentionally false reports about bullying/aggressive behavior for the purpose of getting someone in trouble is similarly prohibited and will not be tolerated. Retaliation and intentionally making false reports may result in disciplinary action as indicated above.

The district may use restorative practices that emphasize repairing the harm to the victim and school community in the correction of bullying behavior.

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE OFFICER (EQUAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY)

It is the policy of this district to provide an equal educational opportunity for all students. Any person who believes that s/he has been discriminated against on the basis of his/her race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation and transgender identity), disability, age, height, weight, marital

status, genetic information, or any legally protected characteristic in its programs and activities, while at school or a school activity should immediately contact the school district's compliance officer listed below:

Dr. Christina Hinds, Superintendent
Northview Public Schools
4365 Hunsberger Avenue NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525
Telephone: 616-363-6861
Email: chinds@nvps.net

The compliance officer can provide additional information concerning equal access to educational opportunity. Complaints will be investigated. Any student making a complaint or participating in a school investigation will be protected from any threat or retaliation. The compliance officer can provide additional information concerning equal access to educational opportunity.

Any person who believes that s/he has been discriminated against may also, at any time, contact the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights listed below:

U.S. Department of Education
Office for Civil Rights
Lyndon Baines Johnson Department of Education Bldg
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-1100
Telephone: 800-421-3481
Fax: 202-245-8392
Email: OCR@ed.gov

MCKINNEY-VENTO ASSISTANCE ACT

Federal legislation requires school districts to address problems that homeless children and youth face in enrolling, attending and succeeding in school. Anyone who lacks a "fixed," "regular" and "adequate" nighttime residence may qualify as homeless. Protections are in place so that children and youth facing homelessness have exposure to the same achievement standards of all students. Districts are required to abide by the laws, regulations, practices and policies to avoid any barriers to the education of children. If you believe a member of your household fits homeless eligibility criteria, please contact us immediately to obtain the necessary paperwork.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT (IDEA)

IDEA is a United States federal law that governs how states and public agencies provide early intervention, special education and related services to children with disabilities. It requires school districts to identify all children with disabilities from birth through 25 years of age. By identifying children with disabilities, the school district can provide them with the support and services they need to succeed in school. This also includes children attending private school, being homeschooled or children who are wards of the state. It is very important that we identify children who may need service as research clearly indicates that children do better when they attend school.

SECTION 504 OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES REHABILITATION ACT

This is a civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities. This law ensures that children with disabilities have equal access to an appropriate education. Unlike the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Section 504 does not require the school to provide an individualized educational program (IEP) that is designed to meet the child's unique needs and provides the child with educational benefit. Under Section 504, fewer procedural safeguards are available to children with disabilities and their parents than under IDEA. Section 504 is a consideration if a student requires additional support to have equal access to educational opportunities.

SCHOOL VISITORS

The Board of Education welcomes and encourages visits to school by parents, other adult residents of the community and interested educators. In order

for the educational program to continue undisturbed when visitors are present and to prevent the intrusion of disruptive persons into the schools, it is necessary to establish visitor guidelines. During the times when school is in session, all visitors are required to report to the main school office to check in prior to visiting any other location in the school.

The superintendent or the principal has the authority to prohibit the entry of any person to a school of this district or to expel any person when there is reason to believe the presence of such person would be detrimental to the good order of the school. If such an individual refuses to leave the school grounds or creates a disturbance, the administrator in charge is authorized to request from the local law enforcement agency whatever assistance is required to remove the individual.

Parents/guardians, who are registered sex offenders and wish to participate in their child's school activities, may be allowed on campus at the discretion of, and under the direction of, the principal. Conditions may be imposed, including but not limited to the following: must have prior permission, must check in, must have approved escort in building or at event, must leave premises immediately upon conclusion of business and/or may not visit while school is in session.

Non-staff access to students and classes must be limited and only in accordance with a schedule, which has been determined by the principal after consultation with the teacher whose classroom is being visited. Classroom visitations must be non-obtrusive to the educative process and learning environment and should not occur on an excessive basis.

HANDICAPPED ACCESS

Northview Public Schools will make reasonable accommodations for any disabled person wanting to participate in events. Service animals used by persons requiring this type of assistance shall be permitted in all district facilities and at all school events. Certain restrictions may be applied when necessary due to allergies, health, safety, disability and other issues of those attending the event. The goal shall be to provide all attendees with the same access and participation provided to other members of the public.

TITLE I PROGRAM INFORMATION

Parents/guardians in Title I schools may request the following information about their child's teacher: state licensure requirements for the grade level and content areas taught; the current licensing status of the child's teacher; and baccalaureate/graduate certification/degree. Parents may also request the qualifications of an instructional paraprofessional who serves their child in a Title I program. This information may be requested from the Human Resources Department by calling 616-363-6861 or sending a letter of request to the Human Resources Department, 4365 Hunsberger Avenue NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525.

DRUG PREVENTION

The Board of Education recognizes that the misuse of drugs is a serious problem with legal, physical and social implications for the entire school community. As the educational institution of this community, the schools should strive to prevent drug abuse and help drug abusers by educational, rather than punitive means.

For purposes of this policy, "drugs" shall mean: all dangerous controlled substances as so designated and prohibited by Michigan statute; all chemicals which release toxic vapors; all alcoholic beverages; any prescription or patent drug, except those for which permission to use in school has been granted pursuant to Board policy; "look-alikes," performance-enhancing drugs as determined annually by the Kent County Health Department, and any other illegal substances so designated and prohibited by law. The Board prohibits the use, possession, concealment or distribution of any drug at any time on district property or at any district-related event.

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N REQUIRED ANNUAL NOTICES

PERMANENT EXPULSION POLICY

State law requires the permanent expulsion of any student who physically assaults a school employee, or who commits an act of rape or arson on school property, at a school event or on school transportation. Students also may be expelled for assault, drug violations or other disciplinary reasons.

DANGEROUS WEAPONS, FALSE ALARMS, AND BOMB THREATS

The Board of Education will not tolerate the possession of weapons by anyone while on school property or at a district-related event. In implementing this policy, the district will comply with M.C.L. 380.1313, which prohibits students from possessing a dangerous weapon, including but not limited to, a firearm, dagger, dirk, stiletto, knife, pocket knife opened by a mechanical device, iron bar, brass knuckles or other devices capable of inflicting bodily harm while in attendance at school or a school activity, or on a school bus. This policy shall also encompass such actions as false fire alarms, bomb threats or intentional calls to falsely report a dangerous condition.

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

The Board of Education charges school authorities with the responsibility of safeguarding the students in their care. In the discharge of that responsibility, school authorities may search school property such as lockers used by students or the person or property, including vehicles, of a student in accordance with the policy.

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS IN SCHOOLS AND ON SCHOOL SITES

For the safety and security of all students, staff, family members, and volunteers, video surveillance cameras may be used in all schools and at all school sites. Personal information and activities recorded and collected will be disclosed for disciplinary and/or law enforcement purposes.

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records.

These rights are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of receiving a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading. Parents or eligible students should write the school principal to clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.
3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the school board; a person or company with whom the school has contracted to perform a special task

(such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the school to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA are: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202-8520.

PROTECTION OF PUPIL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (PPRA)

The Board of Education respects the privacy rights of parents and their children. No student shall be required as a part of the school program or the district's curriculum, without prior written consent if the student (whether an adult or an emancipated minor) or, if an emancipated minor, his/her parents, to submit to or participate in any survey, analysis, or evaluation that reveals information concerning: political affiliations or beliefs of the student or his/her parents; mental or psychological problems of the student or his/her family; sex behavior or attitudes; illegal anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior; critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships; legally-recognized, privileged and analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers; religious practices, affiliations or beliefs of the student or his/her parents; or income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such a program).

The superintendent shall ensure that procedures are established whereby parents may inspect any materials used in conjunction with any such survey, analysis or evaluation. Further, parents have the right to inspect, upon request, a survey or evaluation created by a third party before the survey/evaluation is administered or distributed by the school to the student. The parent will have access to the survey/evaluation within a reasonable period of time after the request is received by the building principal. Additionally, parents have the right to inspect, upon request, any instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum of the student. The parent will have access to the instructional material within a reasonable period of time after the request is received by the building principal. The term instructional material means instructional content that is provided to a student, regardless of its format, including printed and representational materials, audio-visual materials and materials in electronic or digital formats (such as materials accessible through the internet), but does not include academic tests or assessments.

The Board will not allow the collection, disclosure or use of personal information collected from students for the purpose of marketing or for selling that information (or otherwise providing that information to others for that purpose).

STUDENT DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Michigan's Freedom of Information Act requests that student "directory information" be listed for school district patrons. The following information on students may be released during the school year so that regular functioning of school activities may take place: student name; student address; telephone number; date and place of birth; major field of study; participation in officially-recognized activities and sports; height and weight, if a member of an athletic team; dates of attendance; date of graduation; awards received; honor rolls; scholarships; telephone numbers only for inclusion in school or PTO directories; school photographs or videos of students participating in school activities, events or programs. Any parent/

guardian or student reaching the age of majority may notify the principal's office by submitting a signed, written request that any or all of the categories of personally identifiable information may not be released.

It is the purpose of Northview Public Schools to only release information about our students that will recognize particular needs for maintaining sound school district programs. Regarding notice of disclosure of student directory information to military recruiters and/or military service academies, federal and state law requires all public school districts to make available "directory information" the name, address and telephone number of secondary school students to military recruiters and/or military service academies. Follow the above procedures to request that Northview not disclose such information.

ASBESTOS POLICY

Northview Public Schools is required by the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act to make annual notification of the availability of the Asbestos Management Plan for viewing. Records are filed in the AHERA book in the director of facilities' office (Tim Christian at 616-361-3480 or tchristian@nvps.net). All books have been reviewed by Asbestos Consultants of Michigan. Documents are available for review during normal business hours. A personal copy will be furnished within 7 working days after receipt of a written request at a nominal charge of \$.50 per page.

For the protection of "outside workers," any short-term worker (telephone, plumber, etc.) requiring access to nonpublic areas of the building where exposure to asbestos fibers is probable, is required to sign a "Notification of Potential Hazard Form" before access is granted. Forms are on file in the director of facilities' office.

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION POLICY UNDER TITLE IX

1. No person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any academic, extra-curricular, research, occupational training or any other education program or activity operated by a recipient.
2. All educational agencies or activities receiving federal funds must comply with the employment provision of Title IX regulations, which include but are not limited to - recruitment, pre-employment inquiries, employment procedures, assignment, salaries, fringe benefits, and "any other terms, condition or privilege of employment."
3. Equal opportunity for members of both sexes must be provided in interscholastic, intercollegiate, club or intramural athletics operated or sponsored by a recipient.
4. No person shall, on the basis of sex, be denied admission or be subject to discrimination in admission by any recipient subject to the admissions provision of Title IX.

The Northview Board of Education has resolved that:

1. The superintendent or designee will act to coordinate efforts to comply with Title IX.
2. The superintendent or designee will notify students, parents/guardians, and employees of the specifics for compliance.
3. A grievance procedure has been established for resolution of student and employee complaints.
4. An evaluation of the school districts' policies and practices has been conducted regarding the extent of discrimination on the basis of sex with recommendations for appropriate remedial measures.

PESTICIDE ADVISORY

Northview Public Schools has adopted an Integrated Pest Management program. Inherent with this are Northview's efforts to reduce pesticide use as much

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as possible. While it may occasionally be necessary to apply a pesticide, this program does not rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems. We use various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means, exclusion, etc. to prevent pests from becoming a problem.

As required by Michigan law, you will receive advanced notice of non-emergency application of a pesticide (insecticide, fungicide, or herbicide), other than bait or gel formulation, which is made to the school, school grounds, or buildings. This advance notice of a pesticide application will be given 48 hours before the application by the following two methods:

- 1) Posting at the primary entrances to your child's school. The entrances that will be posted are the main entrance and those that have a sidewalk that leads directly to a parking lot.
- 2) Posting in the common area located by the main office of the school.

Please note that notification is not given for use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants or anti-microbial cleaners. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be promptly notified following any such application, via the two posting methods identified (above).

You may review Northview's Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request by contacting Jerry Klekotka (616-361-3480 or jklekotka@nvps.net).

Parents/guardians of children attending the school are also entitled to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formulation, by first class United States mail postmarked at least 3 days before the application, if they so request. If you would like to be notified by mail, contact Tim Christian (616-361-3480) and provide your name, mailing address and school your child attends.

Please note that after the school year is completed and during the months when school is not in regular session (summer), parents who requested advance notice by mail will be notified using an alternative method consisting of a telephone message notification system. Parents and guardians may call the phone number, at least 1 day before an application, for advance notification. The school will also continue posting advance notification at the school by the methods identified above.

WELLNESS POLICY

As required by law, the Board of Education establishes the following wellness policy for the Northview Public School District. The Board recognizes that good nutrition and regular physical activity affect the health and well-being of the district's students. Furthermore, research concludes that there is a positive correlation between a student's health and well-being and his/her ability to learn. Moreover, schools can play an important role in the developmental process by which students establish their health and nutrition habits by providing nutritious meals and snacks through the schools' meal programs, by supporting the development of good eating habits, and by promoting increased physical activity both in and out of school. The Board, however, believes this effort to support the students' development of healthy behaviors and habits with regard to eating and exercise cannot be accomplished by the schools alone. It will be necessary for not only the staff, but also parents and the public at large to be involved in a community-wide effort to promote, support, and model such healthy behaviors and habits. The Board sets the following goals in an effort to enable students to establish good health and nutrition habits:

- A. With regard to nutrition education, the district shall:
 1. Nutrition education shall be integrated into other subject areas of the curriculum, when appropriate, to complement, but not replace, the standards and benchmarks for health education.
 2. Nutrition education shall include opportunities for appropriate student projects related to nutrition, involving, when possible, community agencies and organizations.

3. Nutrition education posters, such as the Food Pyramid Guide, will be displayed in the cafeteria.

- B. With regard to physical activity, the district shall:
 1. Physical Education: a. A sequential, comprehensive physical education program shall be provided for students in K-12 in accordance with the standards and benchmarks established by the state.
 - b. Physical education classes shall provide students with opportunities to learn, practice, and be assessed on developmentally-appropriate knowledge, attitudes and skills necessary to engage in lifelong, health-enhancing physical activity.
 - c. Planned instruction in physical education shall teach cooperation, fair play, and responsible participation.
 - d. Planned instruction in physical education shall include cooperative as well as competitive games.
2. Physical Activity: a. Physical activity and movement shall be integrated, when possible, across the curricula and throughout the school day.
- b. All students in grades 7-12 shall have the opportunity to participate in interscholastic sports programs.
- C. With regard to other school-based activities: Free drinking water shall be available to students during designated meal times and may be available throughout the school day.
 1. The schools shall provide at least thirty (30) minutes daily for students to eat.
 2. Students, parents, and other community members shall have access to, and be encouraged to use, the school's outdoor physical activity facilities outside the normal school day.
 3. The schools may demonstrate support for the health of all students by hosting health clinics and screenings and encouraging parents to enroll their eligible children in Medicaid or in other children's health insurance programs for which they may qualify.
 4. Students are discouraged from sharing their foods or beverages with one another during meal times, given concerns about allergies and other restrictions on some students' diets.
- D. With regard to nutrition promotion, any foods and beverages marketed or promoted to students on the school campus, during the school day, will meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards. Additionally, the district shall encourage students to increase their consumption of healthful foods during the school day.
- E. Rewarding children in the classroom should not involve candy and other foods that can undermine children's diets and health and reinforce unhealthy eating habits. A wide variety of alternative rewards can be used to provide positive reinforcement for children's behavior and academic performance. Furthermore, with the objectives of enhancing student health and well-being, and reducing childhood obesity, the following guidelines are established:
 - A. In accordance with Policy 8500, entitled Food Service, the food service program shall comply with federal and state regulations pertaining to the selection, preparation, consumption, and disposal of food and beverages, including but not limited to the USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards, as well as to the fiscal management of the program.
 - B. As set forth in Policy 8531, entitled Free and Reduced Price Meals, the guidelines for reimbursable school meals are not less restrictive than the guidelines issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The sale of foods of minimal nutritional value in the food service area during the lunch period is prohibited.
 - C. The sale of foods and beverages to students that do not meet the USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards to be consumed on the school campus during the school day is prohibited.
 - D. All food items and beverages available for sale to students for consumption on the school campus (any area of property under the jurisdiction of the school that is accessible to students during the school day) between midnight and thirty (30) minutes after the close of the regular school day shall comply with the current USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the USDA Smart Snacks in School

nutrition standards, including, but not limited to, competitive foods that are available to students a la carte or as entrees in the dining area (except entree items that were offered on the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or School Breakfast Program (SBP) menu on the day of and the day after they are offered on the NSLP or SBP menu), as well as food items and beverages from vending machines, from school stores, or as fund-raisers, including those operated by student clubs and organizations, parent groups, or boosters clubs.

E. All foods offered on the school campus during the school day shall comply with the current USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans, including competitive foods that are available to students a la carte in the dining area, as classroom snacks, or from vending machines.

F. All food and beverages that are provided, other than through sale, on the school campus during the school day (which may include classroom snacks, for classroom parties, and at holiday celebrations) shall comply with the current USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

G. The food service program will provide all students affordable access to the varied and nutritious foods they need to be healthy and to learn well regardless of unpaid meal balances and without stigma.

The Board designates the Food Service Director as the individual(s) charged with operational responsibility for verifying that the district meets the goals established in this policy. The superintendent shall appoint a district wellness committee that includes parents, students, representatives of the school food authority, educational staff (including health and physical education teachers), mental health and social services staff, school health professionals, members of the public and school administrators to oversee development, implementation, evaluation and periodic update of the wellness policy. The Wellness Committee shall be an ad hoc committee with members recruited and chosen annually. School-level health advisory teams may assist in the planning and implementation of these Wellness initiatives. The Wellness Committee shall be responsible for: assessment of the current school environment; review of the district's wellness policy; presentation of the wellness policy to the school board for approval; measurement of the implementation of the policy; recommendation for the revision of the policy, as necessary. Before the end of each school year the Wellness Committee shall recommend to the superintendent any revisions to the policy it deems necessary and/or appropriate. In its review, the Wellness Committee shall consider evidence-based strategies in determining its recommendations. The superintendent shall report annually to the Board on the progress of the Wellness Committee and on its evaluation of policy implementation and areas for improvement, including status of compliance by individual schools and progress made in attaining goals of policy. The superintendent is also responsible for informing the public, including parents, students and community members, on the content and implementation of this policy. In order to inform the public, the superintendent shall distribute information at the beginning of the school year to families of school children, and post the policy on the district's website, including the Wellness Committee's assessment of the implementation of the policy. The district shall assess the Wellness Policy at least once every three (3) years on the extent to which schools in the district are in compliance with the district policy, the extent to which the district policy compares to model wellness policies, and the progress made in attaining the goals of the district wellness policy. The assessment shall be made available to the public on the school district's website.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The personal curriculum (PC) is a tool for modifying the MMC in order to individualize the rigor and relevance of the state graduation requirements. All students are eligible for a personal curriculum with different populations of students falling under different rules for modifications allowed.

Thank you!

CELEBRATION CINEMA NORTH!

Movie Mania at West Oakview returned for a fourth year. As a way to wrap up this past school year and celebrate P.A.W.S behavior expectations (**P**ositive Attitude, **A**lways Prepared, **W**ork Together and **S**afe), students got to choose from a list of ten interpreted movies shown in different rooms throughout the building. Celebration Cinema North donated popcorn for all students to enjoy while watching the movies. This is always a big hit and students LOVE that they get to eat popcorn—just like going to the movies!



EAST OAKVIEW CHORISTERS EARN SUPERIOR RATING AT MUSIC IN THE PARKS

A huge congratulations to our talented Northview Choristers, representing the combined North Oakview and East Oakview Elementary Schools! They achieved the highest possible rating – a **SUPERIOR** rating – at the Music in the Parks competition in Illinois, scoring an impressive **95 points!** We are incredibly proud of their dedication and outstanding performance. A huge thank you to the parents, chaperones, Mr. Sinigos and Mrs. Tremlin for their invaluable support in making this memorable experience a success!



GRADUATIONS AT WEST

Congratulations to all of the 4th graders (now 5th graders!) in our Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH), Field School and traditional programs. All of the teachers and staff are so proud of each of you, and you will be greatly missed as you move on to Highlands Middle!



YOU'RE INVITED: PROJECT LEARNING GARDEN INSTALLATION



We're excited to invite our community to a special event celebrating the installation of a Captain Planet Foundation Project Learning Garden at West Oakview Elementary School donated by Dematic through the company's Community Outreach Program.

This garden is more than just a green space; it's an outdoor learning lab that supports education in science, nutrition, math, language arts and more. Research and decades of experience show that early exposure to fresh foods helps kids make healthier choices.

We'd love for you to join us in launching this exciting new chapter for the students and community!

- **Date:** Thursday, August 28
- **Time:** 9:30–11:00 am (VIP remarks at approx. 9:45 am)
- **Location:** West Oakview Elementary



FIELD DAY FUN

West Oakview students showed courage, teamwork and creativity through obstacles, games and competition at their Field Day event! A special thanks to the Plainfield Township Fire Department for cooling us off on this hot day.



ATTENTION HIGHLANDS STUDENTS: AUDITION FOR THE FALL PLAY

Highlands Middle School will be presenting *The Wizard of Oz* this fall. Students attending Highlands are invited to audition to be part of the cast. Audition packets and a sign-up form will be available the first week of classes. For questions, contact the director, Mrs. Cleveland at tcleveland@nvps.net.

- **Who:** All 5th and 6th graders. There's limited space this year, so be sure to sign-up for auditions early!
- **When:** Auditions will be after school the week of September 8 (exact days TBA). Performances will be on November 14-15.
- **Where:** Most rehearsals will happen after school at Highlands until 4:45 pm. Parents are responsible for prompt pick-up.

CROSSROADS CHOIR NOTES

Well, what a year it was! Here are some highlights from this past winter/spring—8th grade choir performed at Forest Hills Northern Annual Jazz Festival in **October**. They were the **ONLY** middle school choir there! In **November**, we had our Fall Choir Concert for both 7th and 8th grade. The 8th grade choir brought so much JOY to the residents of Heather Hills in Cascade singing Christmas carols in **December**! In **January**, we sang our hearts out at



the Grand Rapids Griffins game and nailed our national anthem! In **March**, all 185 choir students went to Lowell High School to perform at District Choral Festival, where both choirs received EXCELLENT ratings on both sight-reading and performance! The 8th grade choir headed to Holland in **early May** to perform at Hope College for State Choral Festival and nailed their performance! End of **May**, we had our POPS Concert, which was simply fantastic. At the end of the concert, all 185 students danced to *Wanna Be Startin' Somethin'* and boy was that a blast! Lastly, in **June**, all choir students went to Craig's Cruisers for the day. That same evening, 8th grade choir sang the anthem again, but this time at the West Michigan Whitecaps! We hope you were able to join us at one of these events, but if not, we'll be back in September 2025. Keep on singing!

Thank you,
**NORTHVIEW
EDUCATION
FOUNDATION (NEF)**

Thank you to the NEF for fulfilling a grant request for music manipulatives this past winter! Despite these items being on backorder and arriving just after West Oakview's youngest students finished music class last year, we look forward to implementing content with these tools in the fall. The kindergarten "farm unit" will be so impactful with the farm animal finger puppets for the students to sing along with. Students will move while learning about fast and slow using the giant stretchy band and dancing scarves, and all students will love getting to sing solos to our new rainbow monster puppet.

CROSSROADS STUDENTS VISIT THE EAST COAST

Crossroads students embarked on a very fun and informative trip to the East Coast from July 9 to 13. They visited the Flight 93 National Memorial, George Washington’s Mount Vernon home and Arlington Cemetery, where they witnessed the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. It was amazing to see the Korean War Veterans Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and the World War II Memorial. The group was also able to see the White House, United States Capitol, Lincoln Memorial, Pentagon, Pentagon City, and closed the trip with an amazing and fun trip to Hersheypark!



GET READY FOR AMAZING CHOIR CONCERTS

Northview choirs are looking forward to a wonderful year of singing! All five of the choirs will be making amazing music from day one. Their annual Coffee Concert will be held on **Sunday, October 26 at 3:00 pm** in the Max Colley Jr. Performing Arts Center. Admission is free. They can't wait to see the community!

NORTHVIEW NEXT CAREER CENTER AWARDED MiSTEM NETWORK GRANT FOR ROBOTICS & VIRTUAL REALITY CAREER EXPLORATION

Northview Next Career Center was awarded a grant from the MiSTEM Network to support student’s exploration of careers in manufacturing and industrial career pathways. With this funding, students will engage with cutting-edge technologies, including a programmable robotic arm and a virtual reality (VR) headset designed for training in welding and other career skills. This initiative empowers students to develop critical technical skills, while providing immersive exposure to the world of modern manufacturing and industrial innovation. By integrating advanced technology into career exploration, Northview Next is helping students connect classroom learning with real-world applications.



STUDENTS RELEASE 126 CHINOOK SALMON INTO GRAND RIVER

Students from Northview Next Career Center (NNCC) gathered at the Grand River fish ladder in downtown Grand Rapids to release 126 baby Chinook salmon, marking the culmination of their participation in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources’ *Salmon in the Classroom* program. Since receiving the salmon as eggs in the fall, NNCC students had been actively involved in raising and monitoring the fish. The program provided them with hands-on experience in aquatic science, as they studied the salmon life cycle, maintained proper tank



conditions, and explored the species’ ecological role in the Great Lakes and throughout Michigan. The release event, held on May 7, gave students the opportunity to witness their work contribute directly to the state’s aquatic ecosystems. Chinook Salmon, originally introduced to the Great Lakes in the 1960s to help manage invasive species and support recreational fishing, now play a key role in both the ecological balance and the economy of the region.

The *Salmon in the Classroom* program helps students understand the connections between wildlife conservation, ecosystem health and human activity. For NNCC students, the experience offered real-world insight into environmental science and the importance of sustainable resource management.

COUNSELOR’S CORNER

IMPORTANT 2025-26 SCHEDULE INFORMATION

Watch your email for the 2025-26 welcome letter to arrive in your inbox with more details regarding student schedules, which will be released on August 18. Student schedules will be posted in StudentVUE. Student schedules have very little flexibility for changes. See the list of reasons on page 8. If you need an adjustment, complete the 2025-26 Schedule Adjustment Form. This is a required step for any changes. This form will open on August 18. The schedule adjustment window will close on August 27 at the end of the school day.

NV DRAMA CLUB

Taking the Stage. Together.



SAVE THE DATES: NOVEMBER 7-8

The Northview Drama Club is gearing up for another great season! Performances of the Northview High School fall play will be on November 7-8.

COACHES NEEDED FOR GIRLS ON THE RUN

Girls on the Run (GOTR) is seeking coaches at East Oakview and North Oakview for the spring 2026 season. Girls on the Run is a fun, evidence-based program that inspires participants to recognize their inner strength, increase their level of physical activity, imagine their possibilities and confidently stand up for themselves and others. Practices are twice per week after school and begin at the end of February, ending in mid-May with the celebration 5k. Coaches are trained, and lessons are provided! To learn more about GOTR, visit www.gotrwm.org. Contact GOTR Liaison Chantil DeWitt with questions.



WILDCAT CROSS COUNTRY: LOOKING FOR 7TH AND 8TH GRADE RUNNERS



Are you ready for an adventure?

Lace up your running shoes and join the co-ed cross country team. Run 2 miles through wooded trails, tackle hills and cheer on your teammates every step of the way. Discover just how strong, determined and unstoppable you are. It's not about being the fastest. It's about setting goals, making progress and supporting each other. Every runner counts, every step matters and every finish is a victory. Practices are from 2:45 to 3:45 pm, except for Wednesdays, when we practice in the evening at the hilly, yet beautiful, Townsend Park. You don't need to be a "runner" to join. You just need a good attitude and a willingness to try. We'll help you get stronger every week and you'll be amazed at what you can do! Our first practice is Tuesday, August 26. Be sure to sign-up on Final Forms. Email questions to Coach Kathy Vogel at kvogel@nvps.net or Coach Sugiyama at asugiyama@nvps.net.

GET YOUR ATHLETIC PUNCH PASS FOR 2025-2026

Get your NHS athletic punch pass good for any 10 events for just \$30. Passes do not expire and are good for all regular season home events. Passes are on sale in the NHS athletic office. They will also be available at home games. Go, Wildcats! For more information, call 616-365-6100 or email nmulheisen@nvps.net.

CROSSROADS MIDDLE: 2025 VOLLEYBALL TRYOUT SCHEDULE

All girls **MUST** have a physical card on file in the Crossroads Main Office before trying out for a team! No exceptions!

Monday, August 25

7th grade Open Gym: 3:45-4:45 pm
8th grade Open Gym: 2:45-3:45 pm



Tuesday, August 26

7th grade Tryouts: 5:00-7:00 pm
8th grade Tryouts: 3:00-5:00 pm

Wednesday, August 27

7th grade Tryouts: 5:00-7:00 pm
8th grade Tryouts: 3:00-5:00 pm

Thursday, August 28

7th grade Tryouts/Final team selection: 4:00-5:00 pm
8th grade Tryouts/Final team selection: 3:00-4:00 pm



CROSSROADS SIDELINE CHEER TRYOUTS (7TH/8TH GRADE)

Sideline Cheer is looking for students who would love to be on the sidelines cheering on their classmates. You don't need to have any prior cheer experience, but we're looking for athletes who are hard-working, strive to do their best, have school spirit, are open-minded and have a positive attitude.



Tryouts are **Monday, August 18 AND Tuesday, August 19 (6:00-8:00 pm)** at **Wildcat Stadium**. Come with your hair fully up and out of your face, no jewelry or long nails, tennis shoes/cheer shoes, black workout shorts, any t-shirt, and a water bottle. An updated sports physical must be on file or turned into the coach on the first day in order to try out.

Join the Athletic Boosters!

The Athletic Boosters are looking for new booster members for the 2025-26 school year. This is a great way to get involved in getting to know coaches, other parents and helping to improve uniforms, equipment and other athletics-related items around the Northview community. Email questions to northviewathleticboosters@gmail.com or stop by our next meeting on Monday, August 11 at 7:00 pm at the picnic area next to the stadium concessions (if the weather is bad, we will be in the PE classroom).

See you at the concession stand!

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NORTHVIEW COMMUNITY FITNESS & AQUATIC CENTER

CLASSES • PERSONAL TRAINING • LAP SWIM • INDOOR TRACK • STRENGTH & CARDIO EQUIPMENT

Get Healthy & Stay Fit... STOP IN TODAY!

The Northview Fitness Center is open for public adult use with a membership fee. We are located in Northview High School, at 4451 Hunsberger NE. Entry to the Fitness Center is located at the FRONT entry door, adjacent to the bus loop. Look for the Fitness Center signage above the door. **Starting August 25, buses run drop-offs before school from 6:45-7:30 am and pick-ups after school from 2:25-3:00 pm. Please park in the main front lot when visiting the school during these times.** If you have questions, call us during our business hours or email us anytime. Find us online at nvps.net/community/fitness-center.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

We are open to adults in and around the Northview community for a membership fee. Annual, monthly or daily members receive unlimited use of all strength and cardio equipment, the walking track, and free lap and open swim. Annual members also receive discounted rates on classes and personal training. Northview students may request a free membership to use during Fitness Center hours.

- **Annual:** \$340 per person (Northview Community* Discount, \$180)
- **Monthly:** \$35 (Northview Community* Discount, \$20)
- **Daily:** \$8 (Northview Community* Discount, \$6)
- **Annual/Track Only:** \$70 (Northview Community* Discount, \$40)

*Northview community includes resident, parent of current student and Northview graduates.

** Senior citizens (65+) and non-Northview students, please see desk personnel for discounted membership prices.

PURCHASE YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY. PAYMENT OPTIONS ARE:

- Cash or check at the Fitness Center desk during open hours.
- Online at nvps.revtrak.net/rw-fitness-aquatic-center. On the first visit, you must verify your online purchase with your receipt.

Bring your form of payment and your driver's license to the Fitness Center desk, and an attendant will assist you.

Senior citizens (ages 65+) receive discounts on all memberships. We also accept many insurance-based programs (e.g., SilverSneakers®, One Pass and Silver&Fit®), which allow the insured annual options for a free membership at the Fitness Center. Obtain your fitness ID number from your insurance company and bring that, along with your driver's license or state-issued identification card, to the Fitness Center desk when you arrive.

NV students in 7th-12th grade receive a free membership to the Fitness Center when they bring their school ID to the Fitness Center desk during our "open to the public" hours. The desk attendant will be happy to assist students and answer their questions. Please note that after-school workouts are run by the Athletic Department. Questions about those hours or rules should be directed to their office.

STAFF CONTACTS

JoAnn VanSlooten,
Fitness Center
jvanslooten@nvps.net

Terri Eudy
Pool/Swim Lessons
teudy@nvps.net

FITNESS CENTER HOURS (BEGINNING AUGUST 25)

MON: 5:30-7:00 am; 5:00-9:00 pm
TUES: 5:30-7:00 am; 5:00-9:00 pm
WED: 5:30-8:00 am; 5:00-9:00 pm
THURS: 5:30-7:00 am; 5:00-9:00 pm
FRI: 5:30-7:00 am; 5:00-8:00 pm
SAT: 8:00 am-3:00 pm
SUN: 11:00 am-3:00 pm

WE WILL BE CLOSED LABOR DAY AND THANKSGIVING DAY.

FALL FITNESS CLASSES

Fitness Center classes meet weekly and you can attend on a drop-in basis for \$10 per class. You may also purchase a 10-pack punch card for \$80 that can be used on any group fitness classes.

Preregister for classes using the MindBody App so that instructors can plan their class and communicate any last-minute changes to their schedule. Search for Northview Fitness Center to find the schedule and reserve your spot.

FALL FREE TRY-IT WEEK: SEPTEMBER 8-11

Try ANY fitness classes FREE for one week! Meet instructors. Ask questions. Check out the workout level and see if it's right for you! FREE classes have limited spots available and fill fast, so **register early on the MindBody App. This is the only way to reserve your spot during FREE WEEK.** Check in at the Fitness Desk upon arrival and the desk attendant will show you to class. New visitors should arrive 15 minutes early to fill out their visitor pass.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Mondays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yoga (4:00 pm) • Water Fit (5:30 pm) • Zumba (5:45 pm)
Tuesdays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rip and Ride (6:00 am) • Women 50+Strength (5:15 pm) • Pilates (6:15 pm)
Wednesdays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Fit (6:00 am) • Power-45 Strength (6:00 pm) • Yoga (7:00 pm)
Thursdays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rip and Ride (6:00 am) • Women 50+Strength (5:15 pm) • Water Fit PM (5:30 pm) • Yoga (6:15 pm)

PERSONAL TRAINING (1:1 AND SMALL GROUP)

Work with one of our personal trainers to keep you motivated, freshen up your workout or to learn how to use the equipment to achieve your goals. To schedule your private sessions, contact JoAnn for fitness (jvanslooten@nvps.net) or Teri for swim (teudy@nvps.net).

PRICING: PERSONAL TRAINING & PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS

COST PER PERSON	10 Sessions	5 Sessions	Single Session Add-on
1-ON-1 Lessons	\$480	\$255	\$55
Small Group	\$400	\$210	\$45



Additional Fitness Center information can be found on our web page nvps.net/community/fitness-center. We are happy to answer any questions during business hours or via email. northviewfitness@nvps.net.



WHAT'S NEW AT THE POOL?

SIGN UP FOR POOL UPDATES

- Use this link to sign up for pool schedule updates: <https://tinyurl.com/Pool-Updates>.
- Please check the website or the whiteboard near pool entrance for updates throughout the fall.
- AM lap swimmers will receive an email the night before of any last-minute closures, if known.

LAP SWIM payment (\$8 day pass or free for Fitness Center members) and check-in is at the Fitness Center desk upon arrival. For your safety, the pool staff also asks you to sign the clipboard when you enter at the pool door. Lap swim hours can be found under Aquatic Center information on the website at nvps.net/pool. Any changes to the lap swim hours will be communicated by the pool director via email and posted on the whiteboard outside of the pool entrance.

FAMILY OPEN SWIM hours can be found on the Aquatic Center website at nvps.net/pool. Payment (\$5) and check-in for open swim is at the pool door upon arrival. There are also lanes reserved during open swim for those who wish to swim laps during this time.

FALL 2025 CLOSE DATES*

- 9/11 (PM only), 9/23 (PM only)
- 10/14
- 11/26 (PM only), 11/27, 11/28
- 12/24, 12/25, 12/31

*Does not include the girls' middle school meet dates or diving regionals.

SWIM LESSONS

Group and private lessons are offered for community members and taught by trained instructors. Group lessons are offered for children ages 6-12, and preschool group lessons are offered for children ages 3-6. Adult lessons are also available. Private swim lesson are set up by the number of sessions desired. All lessons are dependent upon pool and instructor availability. Visit nvps.net/community/pool for announcements and details regarding learn-to-swim programs. Fall lessons may be offered on Saturdays in September (late morning), pending instructor availability.

LIFEGUARD SHORTAGE

Our country continues to see a nationwide lifeguard shortage. Northview, too, is short of qualified lifeguards to fill all our shifts or cover an unexpected absence. Until we are able to fill these openings, we may have unexpected programming cancellations. We're doing all we can to avoid this, but we ask for your understanding when these circumstances arise as we prioritize your safety and well-being.

NOW HIRING: LIFEGUARDS & SWIM INSTRUCTORS

Now hiring! Anyone looking for a position as a lifeguard or swim instructor should contact Terri at teudy@nvps.net. Good pay, FREE certification courses, awesome team and Northview is a great place to work! Retired or seeking part-time? We'd love to hire you!

POOL SCHEDULE - FALL/WINTER 2025**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	*Lap Swim 5:45-6:45 am		*Lap Swim 5:45-7:45 am		*Lap Swim 5:45-6:45 am	*Lap Swim 9:00-11:00 am
Open Swim Noon-2:45 pm (lap lanes available)	Lap Swim 7:00-8:30 pm	Lap Swim 6:30-8:30 pm	Lap Swim 7:30-8:30 pm	Lap Swim 6:30-8:30 pm		Open Swim Noon-2:45 pm (lap lanes available)

*Busiest times, be prepared to share lanes. **Holiday weekend adjustments (8/29-9/1; 11/26-11/30; 12/20-1/4)

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KUDOS TO THE NORTHVIEW ESPORTS TEAM

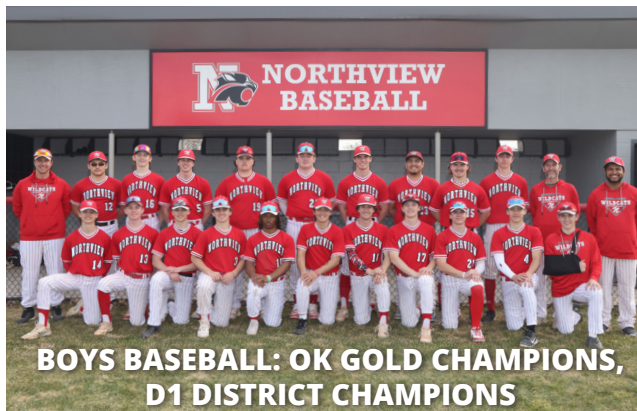
The spring Michigan High School Esports League (MHSEL) 2025 state semi-finals and championships were held at Oakland University on May 10. As part of the MHSEL mission to establish esports alongside traditional athletics, MHSEL hosted an awards ceremony during the event. More than 50 student-athletes were recognized as All-State players or Player of the Year. The exceptional leadership of top esports coaches was also celebrated.

We're thrilled to share that Northview had four students and a coach honored for their outstanding achievements this season!

- All State: Joey Gage in Overwatch 2; Milo Kodos in Splatoon 3; Taiven Willemse in Super Smash Bros. Ultimate
- All-State & Player of the Year: Samuel Schmidt in Mario Kart 8 Deluxe
- Coach Honoree: Mark Lago



CONGRATULATIONS ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON!





COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Northview Community Education offers a variety of activities, workshops and programs for adults and children in and around the Northview community. We work with the Northview Fitness and Aquatic Center and other partners to provide additional programming that enhances learning and promotes a healthy mind and body. Like us on Facebook @NVCommunityEnrichment.

2025 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

FEES: We now use a fully online registration system. Fees are set by our community partners and help to cover expenses for each specific program. There is a small processing fee that adds to the cost of each class, which is taken into consideration when pricing the programs.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES: Many of our programs fill fast, so we recommend early registration and at least five days prior to the first class so that our instructors can plan their curriculum, staffing and supplies accordingly. Most programs will email additional details a few days prior to their start date. If you do not receive an email, please show up for the first scheduled date.

WAITLISTS: If the class is full, you will be placed on a waitlist. You will be contacted via email

should a spot open up in the program. If you are on a waitlist and no longer want to be considered, please email NVComEd@nvps.net to be removed.

LATE REGISTRATIONS: Any registrations received after the five-day deadline will be considered if there is still room in the program. Once we receive your late registration, we will determine if you can be added and you will receive an email if there is still room in the program. If you register the night before or day-of and no email is received, please contact us for your enrollment status or show up to the first class to see if we have room for you.

REFUNDS: Full refunds will be given if a request is received five business days prior to the first date of the program. After this

deadline, no refund requests can be honored. If a program is canceled due to low enrollment, a full refund will be issued.

SEVERE WEATHER POLICY: Indoor programs will be held in all weather conditions. Outdoor programs have a backup plan. If severe weather warnings are issued immediately before or during our camps, students will take shelter in the district-approved area in the building where the camp is held. Any camp canceled due to weather or other emergencies may or may not be rescheduled due to complications with facility and instructor schedules. We always do our best to reschedule the canceled date if we're able to.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Northview Community Education
NVComEd@nvps.net or 616-365-6176

JoAnn VanSlooten, Community Education Director
Michelle Bakos, Administrative Assistant

SCAN ME TO REGISTER!



[NVPS.REVTRAK.NET](https://nvps.revtrak.net)

ADULT ENRICHMENT

Below is a listing of our new and most popular classes. Visit nvps.revtrak.net/rw-adult-enrichment to find a full description of each class and to register.

DOG TRAINING CLASS (AGES 17+)

There is no dog too old to join us at obedience class.

NEW! This puppy and dog "manners" class will help dog owners address many common behaviors and promote a positive pet ownership experience. Taught by Cindy Blair, owner and instructor of New Hope Dog Training.

Dates: Fall 1 Session - Tuesdays, 9/16-10/21
Fall 2 Session - Tuesdays, 10/28-12/9 (no class 11/11)

Times: Puppy Manners (6:30-7:30 pm)
Dog Manners (7:45-8:45 pm)

Location: East Oakview Gym
Cost: \$120 per dog, per session

or on Amazon.

Dates: Tuesdays, 9/9-11/18
Time: 7:15-8:15 pm
Location: NHS Fitness Room
Cost: \$55 per participant

DRAWING FUNDAMENTALS (AGES 16+)

Local artist, Scott Kenyon, will lead this growing group of monthly classes that provide students with individualized instruction on various drawing techniques.

Dates: Thursdays, 9/18, 10/16, 11/20 (sign up for one class or all three)

Time: 6:00-8:00 pm
Location: NHS Art Room
Cost: \$21 per participant, per class

LEARN TO PLAY MUSIC FOR HOPELESSLY BUSY PEOPLE

In just a few hours, these crash courses teach students some basic chords and techniques to get them playing their favorite songs. Classes include an online book and follow-up video lessons as well as a recording of the class and optional online Q & A session.

INSTANT PIANO

Date: Monday, 11/17
Time: 6:30-9:30 pm
Location: Online via Zoom (a link will be provided)
Cost: \$72 per participant

INSTANT GUITAR

Date: Wednesday, 11/18
Time: 6:30-9:00 pm
Location: Online via Zoom (a link will be provided)
Cost: \$72 per participant

PIANO BY EAR

Date: Saturday, 11/22
Time: 11:30 am-1:30 pm
Location: Online via Zoom (a link will be provided)
Cost: \$72 per participant

CAKE AND COOKIE DECORATING

Join us for one (or several) of our unique food classes offered in our new FALL FOOD SERIES! All tools and supplies will be provided, and each participant will take home their sweet creations. Classes will be taught by Kelli Basher of KMB Confections. She will guide you through the steps to learn different

tricks and techniques of hands-on frosted fun, as you create your own beautifully-decorated sweet treats!

Class Dates & Cost:

- **Gnome Cake Decorating Class:** Thursday, 10/2 (\$40 per participant)
- **Succulent Cupcake Decorating Class:** Thursday, 10/23 (\$36 per participant)
- **Fall Cookie Decorating Class:** Thursday, 11/20 (\$36 per participant)
- **Ornament Cookie Decorating Class:** Thursday, 12/18 (\$36 per participant)

Time: 6:30-8:30 pm
Location: NHS Lounge

ADULT SPORT NIGHTS (AGES 18+)

Drop-in teams are loosely formed as registered participants arrive throughout the night. No lessons are included and beginners learn as they play. These groups are very encouraging and welcoming. Doors open at 7:30 pm, and participants work together to set up the courts, then help put them away at the end of the evening.

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Dates:

- **Advanced/Competitive Pickleball:** Mondays, 9/15–12/15
- **Beginner/Social Pickleball:** Tuesdays, 9/16–12/16
- **Intermediate Pickleball:** Wednesdays, 9/17–12/17
- **Adult Volleyball:** Thursdays, 9/18–12/18

Time: Weekly sessions run from 7:30 pm to 10:15 pm. Start times may vary based on gym availability.

Location: Highlands Middle Gym

Cost: \$50 per participant

PROGRAM NOTES:

- Pickleball participants may choose only one night to play.
- FALL registration opens August 10.

- **SESSIONS FILL FAST**, so early registration is recommended.
- The program is canceled any night that school is closed for holidays, inclement weather or other emergencies.
- There is a \$7 drop-in option ONLY FOR THURSDAY VOLLEYBALL, if space is available.

FIT-4-U FITNESS CLASSES (SEPTEMBER 15–NOVEMBER 6)

Fit-4-U classes are offered in partnership with the Northview Community Fitness and Aquatic Center. We offer these classes as 8-week programs to help you commit to attending class each week and improve your strength, balance, flexibility and aerobic-cardio abilities. Each class series meets weekly on the same day/ time to help get you into a routine

for a healthier lifestyle. All classes are planned for varying individual work rates and ability levels and are scheduled for 30 to 55 minutes in length depending on the class. We have an amazing staff of instructors who will meet you where you are in your physical ability.

Class Dates & Times:

- **Power-45 Strength Training:** Wednesdays (6:00 pm)
- **Yoga:** Mondays (4:00 pm); Wednesdays (7:00 pm); Thursdays (6:15 pm)
- **Water Fitness:** Mondays (5:30 pm); Wednesdays (6:00 am); Thursdays (5:30 pm)
- **Rip and Ride Cycle:** Tuesdays (6:00 am); Thursdays (6:00 am)
- **Pilates:** Tuesdays (6:15 pm)
- **Strength (Women 50+):**

Tuesdays (5:15 pm); Thursdays (5:15 pm)

- **Zumba®:** Mondays (5:45 pm)
- Location:** Northview Fitness Center
- Cost:** \$58 per class for fitness classes or \$76 for cycle classes

PROGRAM NOTES:

- Reserve your spot by preregistering online (nvps.revtrak.net) for one or more classes.
- Arrive 5-10 minutes before class starts and check-in each day at the Fitness Center desk.
- Park in front of the high school (4451 Hunsberger NE).
- Fitness Center entry is adjacent to the bus loop (look for the sign above the door).

••••• YOUTH ENRICHMENT •••••

Below is a listing of our new and most popular classes. Visit nvps.revtrak.net/rw-youth-enrichment to find a full description of each class and to register.

BABYSITTER TRAINING (AGES 10-15)

Become a certified & confident babysitter! Are you ready to gain the essential knowledge and skills to safely and responsibly care for infants and children? Our comprehensive course is designed to equip you with everything you need to become a trusted and capable babysitter!

Date: Monday, 11/3
Time: 9:15 am–2:00 pm
Location: NHS Fitness Center
Cost: \$80 per participant

FIRST AID & WILDERNESS SURVIVAL (AGES 8-14)

This course will give you vital skills to handle unexpected situations, whether you witness an injury indoors or you're outside and far from help.

Date: Friday, 10/24
Time: 9:15 am–2:00 pm
Location: NHS Fitness Center
Cost: \$65 per participant

UNICYCLE 101 (AGES 10+)

Whether you've ridden in the past or you've never touched a unicycle before, this course will teach you how the unicycle operates, best practices for riding and techniques for safe and effective learning. Unicycles are provided. All skill levels welcome.

Dates: Thursday, 9/18–10/23
Time: 6:00–7:15 pm
Location: East Oakview Gym
Cost: \$50 per participant

B.A.S.E. PROGRAMS (BELONGING AND AFTER SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT FOR K-12)

Watch for these fun classes and clubs coming to your school building this fall! Program offerings, details and registration information will be available on your school building's web page and in their newsletter in early September. Classes and clubs are offered at minimal cost to cover instructors and supplies, with online registrations taken in advance beginning on September 1.

Some middle school programs fill fast, so early registration is recommended. Financial assistance is also available by contacting your school counselor or principal, or reaching out to the Community Education office at NVComEd@nvps.net.

PENDING PROGRAMS PLANNED FOR 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR:

- **Elementary schools:** STEMventure, Bricks-4-Kidz, Paint Party, Cooking Club
- **Highlands Middle:** Art Club, Pickleball, STEMventure, Sugar & Smiles: A Deliciously Fun Decorating Adventure!
- **Crossroads Middle:** Art Club, Cooking and Baking Club, Chess and Board Game Club
- **Northview High School:** Smash Cats Club, Art Club, Chess and Board Game Club

NEW STEM-TEAM ROBOTICS PARTNERSHIP

That ONE Team is a competitive robotics program that offers STEM-based learning to kids from kindergarten through

high school (www.thatoneteam.org). They are looking for Northview students who may be interested in learning more about robotics and how we might partner with them to host teams at all levels. Interested families should plan to join us at a parent meeting to learn more on August 19 at 6:00 pm in the Northview High School fitness classroom.

Elementary Program: FLL (FIRST LEGO League)

FIRST LEGO League introduces science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) to children in grades K-6 via fun and exciting hands-on learning robotics programs. Students build these robots using Legos and compete in local competitions.

Middle School Team (Crossroads Bots of the North): FTC (FIRST Tech Challenge)

FIRST Tech Challenge helps students learn to think like engineers. Teams design, build and code robots to compete in an alliance format against other teams. Robots are built from a reusable platform, powered by Android technology, and can be coded using a variety of levels of Java-based programming.

High School Team: FRC (FIRST Robotics Challenge)

We call *FIRST Robotics Challenge* the ultimate sport for the mind. High school students design, program and build industrial-sized robots to play an action-packed game. Students compete in local, statewide and national competitions.

If you have questions about robotics or That One Team, reach out to Carrie.Nemecek@thatoneteam.org or Andrew Otten at aotten@nvps.net.



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Our Mission

Northview Public Schools and its community develop literate, creative problem solvers who are respectful, productive members of society ready for continued learning.

Our Vision

Inspiring all students to achieve their individual best.

Our Beliefs

- Every student can learn – just in different ways and at different rates.
- Every person is a valued member of the Northview school community.
- We are all responsible for student success and learning.
- Integrity, honesty and ethical behavior guide the treatment of students and adults in Northview.
- People working together toward common goals can accomplish anything.
- Embrace change and continuous improvement.
- Focus on performance and results.
- Our words and behaviors accelerate student academic performance and nurture their social development.

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